

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS IN M.P. AND CHHATTISGARH

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects launched in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years to modernise the airports and air services;

(b) whether the works on these projects are going on as per the schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a):- Airports Authority of India(AAI) has completed the construction of car park and allied works at Indore Airport in February, 2002 at a cost of Rs.1.92 crores. Works relating to construction of new terminal building and allied works at Jabalpur Airport at a cost of Rs.7.46 crores and for strengthening and extension of runway from 6000 ft. to 7500 ft. and associated works at Khajuraho Airport at a cost of Rs.21.78 crores are in progress and are likely to be completed in May, 2003 and September, 2003 respectively. Requisitions have already been sent to the concerned State Governments for acquiring the required land for the schemes relating to extension of runway at Indore Airport from 7500 ft. to 9000 ft., Bhopal Airport from 6700 ft. to 7500 ft. and Raipur Airport from 6000 ft. to 7500 ft. At present, Madhya Pradesh is connected by Alliance Air with a daily flight on Delhi - Bhopal - Indore - Mumbai & return sector and a thrice weekly flight on Delhi - Agra - Khajuraho - Varanasi & return sector and by Jet Airways with a twice daily flight on Mumbai - Indore - Mumbai sector, a daily flight each on Mumbai - Bhopal - Mumbai, Delhi - Indore - Bhopal - Delhi (effective from 16.4.2003) and Delhi - Varanasi - Khajuraho & return sectors. Chhattisgarh is, at present, connected by Alliance Air with a six flights a week service on Delhi - Nagpur - Raipur & return sector and a weekly flight on Delhi - Raipur - Nagpur - Delhi sector. Indian Airlines is operating a thrice weekly flight on Mumbai - Raipur - Bhubaneswar - Mumbai sector, the frequency of which is being increased to a daily flight w.e.f. 16.4.2003.

(b):- Yes, Sir.

(c):- Does not arise.